



**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
720TH MILITARY POLICE BATTALION  
FORT HOOD, TEXAS 76544**

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Dear Family Members,

I am writing to give you some important information regarding your Soldier's upcoming deployment to Iraq with the 720<sup>th</sup> MP Battalion. Keeping our families informed is a high priority and we want to make sure that you have all the information that is available.

Here is what I can tell you now about our mission and future deployment without compromising mission security: over the next few months, the majority of our battalion task force is deploying from Fort Hood but we will be joined in Iraq by reserve units from Arizona, Minnesota and Nevada. We will form a task force that will number close to 1600 Soldiers. We will most likely operate in an area around Baghdad conducting security missions and training the Iraqi Police Forces. Our deployment is currently planned to last for 12 months.

We have just concluded an expansive and extremely focused training period. Our Soldiers are well-trained, equipped and prepared for this mission. Our purpose in Iraq is to support the overall mission of providing a secure and stable environment to facilitate the transition to Iraqi sovereignty.

We have established a Rear Detachment at Fort Hood to provide information and help resolve issues while we are deployed. Our BN Rear Detachment commander's name is MAJ John Bogdan. The Rear Detachment executive officer is CPT Omar Lomas and the Rear Detachment NCO is MSG Sumrall. They can be reached by telephone, mail or email. Their numbers and email addresses are listed below.

Our website is operational and will continue to be updated. This will be our primary information link back to you. Both the Rear Detachment and units in Iraq will post information to this website and we will send out an email notification when the site is updated. If you want to be on our email distribution list for these updates, please notify the Rear detachment commander. Maintaining operational security and privacy is a concern. Within this constraint, we will post command information, recent photos, a newsletter and other information that may be of interest. The website can be accessed at <http://www.hood.army.mil/720thMPBn/> and will have links to other important information including Family Readiness and other support agencies.

We are also fortunate to have a Family Readiness Group Assistant. Her name is Wendy Henderson and she can be reached at the phone number and email address listed below. She is another great person to assist you with family issues that may arise during this deployment.

Another excellent resource for information is called "Military One Source". Military One Source, formerly Army One Source, is a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week toll-free information and referral telephone service available to Soldiers and families worldwide. Military One Source provides information ranging from everyday concerns such as finding childcare or an auto

mechanic to deployment/reunion issues. The website address is: [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com). The username is **army** and the password is **onesource**.

**Key points of contact:**

Command website: [www.](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

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Username: army

Password: onesource

American Red Cross: 1-877-272-7337

TRICARE: 1-888-DOD-CARE

**Iraq Mailing Addresses:**

Your Soldier's Name (**No Rank**)

Your Soldier's Unit (i.e. HHD, 720th MP BN)

APO AE 09390-(unit #). The unit # will be provided by the Rear Detachment once we get one.

Mail will still make it to us without it but it makes the process quicker if you have one.

I know that this is a stressful time for your family. I want to assure you that your Soldier is well-trained, well-equipped and fully prepared to accomplish all our missions in Iraq. It is very important to me that we keep you informed and as long as the situation allows, we will continue to update the website, publish newsletters and post photos of your Soldiers in action. Please do not hesitate to contact our rear detachment if you have any questions or concerns.

**GAUNTLET!**



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